



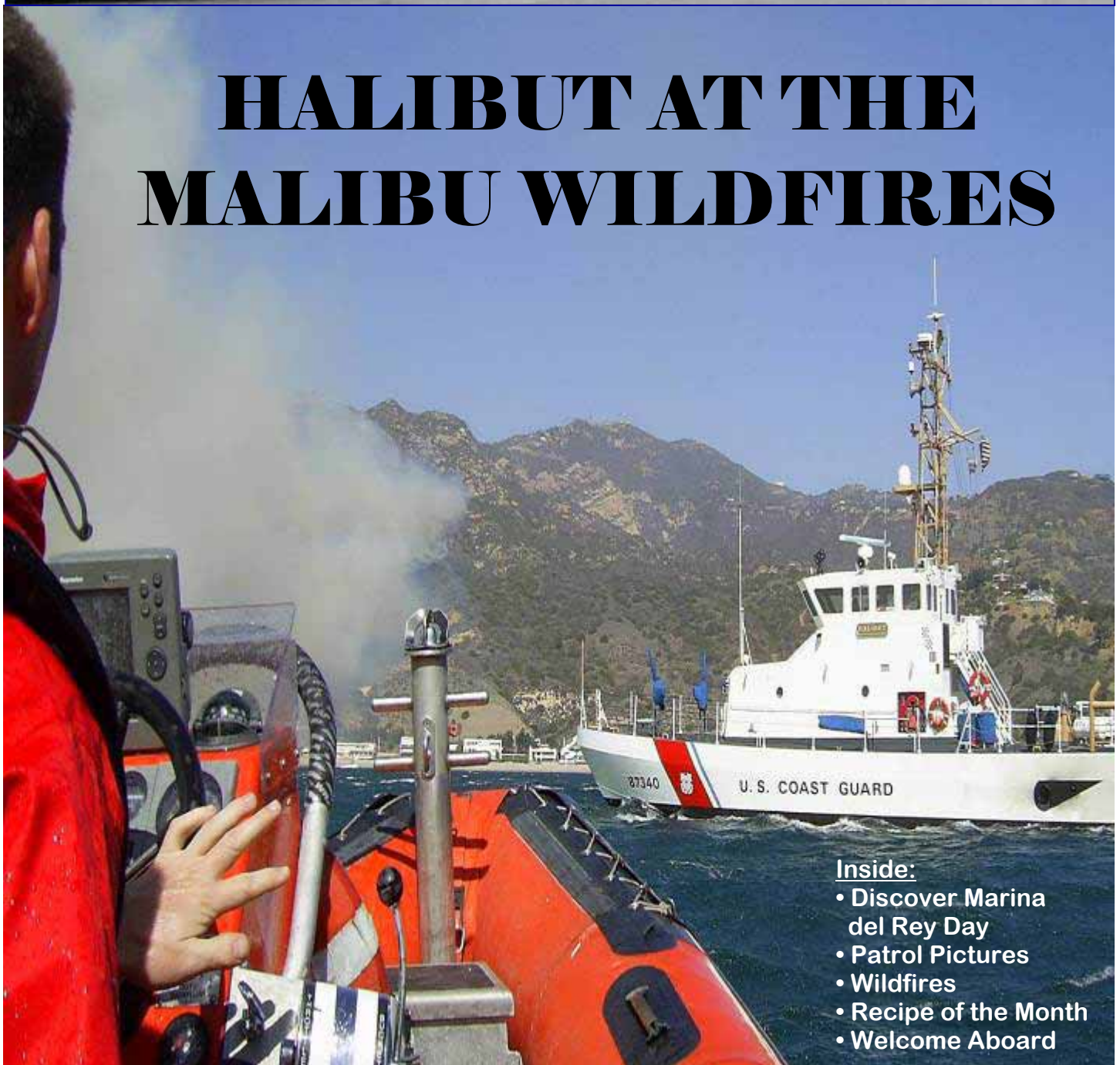
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USCGC HALIBUT (WPB-87340)
Newsletter



October 2007

HALIBUT AT THE MALIBU WILDFIRES



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SANTA ANA WINDS & FIRE KEEP CUTTER BUSY

LOS ANGELES, Calif. Strong offshore winds also known as the Santa Ana's and a major brush fire at the world famous seaside community of Malibu, California kept the 87 foot Coast Guard Cutter Halibut very busy on Sunday.

The Halibut's day started when the Cutter was diverted to stand by just offshore of the Malibu pier. The pier has been featured in several movies and TV shows including "Baywatch Panic at Malibu Pier."

In the midday the Cutter was steaming south to "Angels Gate" in the Los Angeles/Long Beach harbor area to respond to a 23 foot pleasure craft in distress. While in route to Angels Gate the Cutter was diverted to assist with the search of a missing vessel "about 20 minutes out of Avalon Harbor" near Catalina Island. It was reported that this vessel did not have a radio on board. A rescue helicopter from Air Station - Los Angeles was also deployed to search for this vessel. Fortunately both the 23 foot pleasure craft in distress and the missing vessel 20 minutes from Avalon Harbor had happy endings.

COAST GUARD SUSPENDS SEARCH FOR MISSING KAYAKERS

LOS ANGELES - The Coast Guard has suspended the search for the two missing kayakers from San Nicolas Island at 12:20 pm today.

"We have yet to find the missing men and having exhausted all possibility that we will find survivors, I have ordered our active search suspended," said Coast Guard Capt. Mark Hamilton, Deputy Commander for Sector Los Angeles-Long Beach.

"I have notified the Navy of my decision who has been keeping the families informed of our search progress. I pray that the families and shipmates of the men remain strong and my thoughts are with them they as go through this difficult time," said Hamilton.

The Coast Guard and Navy conducted multiple searches in a 2,500 square nautical mile search area roughly the size of the states of Rhode Island and Delaware combined. In total, approximately 6,500 square nautical miles of ocean were covered with 34 separate searches on and

over the water encompassing 126 hours of search time.

The missing kayakers were last seen at about noon on Wednesday approximately a mile from shore off the east end of San Nicolas Island. The Coast Guard initiated its search at 2:30 pm with an original search area of approximately 300 square nautical miles which steadily expanded as wind and sea conditions were taken into account.

At about 6:00 pm Thursday a Coast Guard C-130 aircraft sighted two kayaks lashed together approximately 35 nautical miles south east of San Nicholas Island. The kayaks were recovered by the USS Momsen.

Based on the known location of the found kayaks the Coast Guard initiated new search patterns. However by noon on Friday there was still no sign of the missing men.

When the Coast Guard suspends a search, it means no rescue crews will be actively searching. Searches can resume if information is received that would lead the Coast Guard to believe the search should continue.

Two helicopters from Coast Guard Air Station Los Angeles, two Coast Guard C-130 aircraft from Coast Guard Air Station Sacramento, and the Coast Guard cutter Halibut conducted the search with the aid of the guided missile destroyer USS Momsen (DDG 92) and its helicopter, one helicopter from Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego, three helicopters from Navy Fleet Area Control and Surveillance Facility, San Clemente Island, and a Navy P-3 Orion aircraft from Naval Air Station Whidbey Island, Washington.



BM3 Amanda Morton hands water to Baywatch Malibu Rescue Boat members during the Malibu Fires.

Dear Friends,

HALIBUT completed yet another exciting month packed full with Search and Rescue, Enforcement of Laws and Treaties, and Homeland Security.

As you can see on the cover, HALIBUT supported the Los Angeles County Fire Department in evacuation efforts for the Malibu Fires. Additionally, HALIBUT saw a significant change in the local weather as the famous Santa Ana Winds swept through from the Santa Barbara to San Pedro Channels. Sea state was consistently around 4-6 feet, and HALIBUT saw persistent 30kt winds throughout their patrol week.

I have posted on this page excerpts from news releases highlighting our activities during this month. The news releases are courtesy of LTJG Andy Munoz and Anthony Turner (AUX).

Enjoy, and thank you for your continued support!

Best Regards,

LTJG Paul Miller
Commanding Officer

DONATIONS NEEDED

HALIBUT will be participating in a local food drive for the Thanksgiving Holidays. Donations of canned goods and meals for the community can be dropped off at HALIBUT's office in Marina del Rey. If the cutter is underway, please label "HALIBUT" on the package and drop off at our neighboring Los Angeles County Sheriff's Station. contact information:

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Discover Marina Del Rey Day

USCGC HALIBUT participated in Los Angeles County's "Discover Marina Del Rey" Day. The event included tours and other activities for families. HALIBUT conducted a family/friends cruise of the marina prior to mooring at Burton Chase Park and opening for public tours.

HALIBUT would like to thank Division 12 of the CG Auxiliary as well as Air Station Los Angeles for coordinating a spectacular Search and Rescue Demonstration for the public.

Photos by Ray J Pages.



(clockwise) LT Shawn Lansing prepares his family for sea. The continental breakfast FS2 Mulford put on for the Visitors. MKC's family enjoys the ride. More breakfast. Los Angeles County Battalion Chiefs Mickey Gallagher and JD Moryl enjoy the scenery. more pictures next page ►



DISCOVER MARINA DEL REY DAY

(clockwise) A HALIBUT crewmember throws over a mooring line, the crew looks on, Baywatch Del Rey and HALIBUT worked closely during the event, the rescue swimmer deployed during the SAR demonstration, 65C Helo and 41' UTB, HALIBUT open for public tours, an orange smoke float kicks off the SAR demonstration, Baywatch Battalion Chief JD Moryl joins the pre-SAR demonstration brief.

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HALIBUT WINS 11 to 9



HALIBUT made a short stop in Santa Barbara to play USCGC BLACKFIN in flag football. After the game, the crews enjoyed a tremendous BBQ lunch provided by the respective cutter's cooks. HALIBUT won 11 to 9.

Later in the week, HALIBUT hosted California Fish and Game Warden John Castro for joint commercial fishing vessel boardings around Santa Cruz and Santa Rosa Islands. HALIBUT would like to thank Mr. Castro for a great inter-agency training opportunity.

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MALIBU WILDFIRES

HALIBUT worked with Baywatch Rescue Boats from Topanga Beach, Malibu, and Marina Del Rey to support evacuation efforts and structural preservation during the recent Malibu fires.



(Clockwise) BM3's Caleb Gray and Amanda Morton on the cutter's small boat, HALIBUT's small boat approaching a Bay Watch Rescue Boat, the fires on Malibu, HALIBUT just outside the smoke line, Bay Watch Topanga Rescue Boat, HALIBUT's small boat approaches for recovery.

To see the Video shot from Hal One of the above, go to:
<http://www.youtube.com/Halibut87340>

FS2's Recipe of the Month

HALIBUT's resident Chef shares trade secrets for this month's dish

SO CAL CHICKEN

3 PICNIC PACKS CHICKEN (LEGS AND THIGHS)
 4 TABLESPOONS SALT
 2 TABLESPOONS GARLIC POWDER
 2 TABLESPOONS ONION POWDER
 2 TEASPOONS LEMON PEPPER
 2 TEASPOONS PAPRIKA
 2 TEASPOONS CUMIN
 MIX DRY INGREDIENTS IN BOWL WHEN WELL
 COMBINED
 RUB INTO CHICKEN LET SIT COVERED IN REFRIG-
 ERATOR
 12 HOURS OR OVER NIGHT

SET GRILL TO MEDIUM HEAT, KEEP COVER
 CLOSED WHILE GRILL IS HEATING UP. WHEN
 GRILL HAS REACHED DESIRED TEMP (I LIKE TO
 GO NO HIGHER THAN 375F-400F) PLACE CHICKEN
 ON GRILL AND CLOSE COVER. WATCH FOR
 FLASHES (I USUALLY HAVE A SPRAY BOTTLE
 HANDY). GRILL CHICKEN UNTIL INTERNAL TEM-
 PERATURE REACHES 180F WITH INSTANT READ
 THERMOMETER. PLATE AND FINISH WITH
 SAUCE. SAUCE FOLLOWS



FINISHING SAUCE FOR SO CAL CHICKEN

1 TABLESPOON MUSTARD
 JUICE OF FOUR LEMONS
 1 CUP OLIVE OIL
 1 CHIPOTLE PEPPER OR TO TASTE
 (CANNED IN ADOBO SAUCE)
 3 CLOVES GARLIC OR TO TASTE
 ½ CUP HONEY
 1 BUNCH CILANTRO
 COMBINE INGREDIENTS IN BLENDER
 OR FOOD PROCESSOR
 BLEND TO DESIRED CONSISTANCY
 SALT AND PEPPER TO TASTE.
 POUR OVER CHICKEN OR SERVE ON
 THE SIDE.

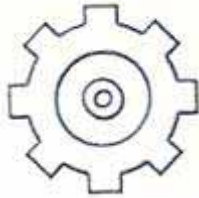


Welcome Aboard

HALIBUT welcomes its newest crewmember, MK2 Daryl Lirette from CG Station New Orleans.

MK2 Lirette will be filling the Assistant Engineering Petty Officer Billet.

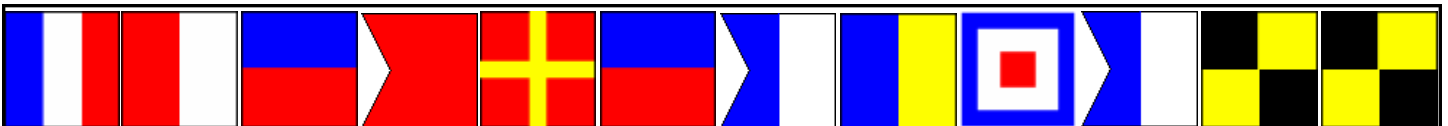
Welcome!



Halibut Sighting



USCGC HALIBUT was sighted by USCG Auxiliary member Trent Kelly about 2 miles off Point Vicente, Palos Verdes CA.



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